Strength of higher officers

2070. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength alongwith the actual strength of Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Directors, Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries as on 1st April, 2001; and

(b) what was the actual strength of the above posts as on 1st January, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The number of persons working as Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Directors, Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries including equivalent posts as on 1.1.1998 and 1.4.2001 is set out below:—

Post	Actual Strength as on	
	1.1.1998	1.4.2001
Secretary	117	141
Additional Secretary	99	107
Joint Secretary	389	511
Director	453	628
Deputy Secretary	395	578
Under Secretary	555	1363

The posts of Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries as on 1.4.2001 include officers of the Central Secretariat Service promoted on personnal/ad-hoc basis.